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ARMSTRONG STATE

GRU AUGUSTA

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	ARMSTRONG STATE (6-7, 4-2 PBC)	27	32	59	
	GRU AUGUSTA (2-11, 1-5 PBC)	23	30	53	



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AUGUSTA, Ga. - The Armstrong State University women's basketball team overcame an early 14-point deficit to knock off GRU Augusta, 59-53, in Peach Belt Conference action on Wednesday evening at the Christenberry Fieldhouse in Augusta, Ga.

The win was the third in a row for the Pirates (7-7, 5-2 PBC) and the

GAME LEADERS

ARMSTRONG STATE

Pts: Dee Hayward - 18

Reb: 2 Players (#00, #TM) - 9

Ast: Dee Hayward - 4

GRU AUGUSTA

first on the road in the Peach Belt Conference this season. GRU Augusta (2-12, 1-6 PBC) dropped its fifth game in a row with the loss. Armstrong returns to action on Saturday, January 17, hosting Georgia College in a 1:30 p.m. Peach Belt Conference contest at Alumni Arena.

The Jaguars made five of their first six shots from the field in building a 14-0 lead by the 15 minute mark of the first half. Armstrong answered by embarking on a 17-2 run over the next six minutes to grab a 17-16 lead with nine minutes left until halftime. The Pirates would extend that lead to four, 27-23, at the break.

Armstrong would build a double-digit lead in the second half, leading by as many as 11 points, 46-35, with 7:30 left. GRU Augusta rallied to cut the lead to one, 54-53, on a three-pointer by Joshlyn Belcher with 45 seconds left. Two free throws by senior **Dee Hayward** built the lead back to three, 56-53, with 25 seconds left.

GRU Augusta would have two tries to tie the game in the final 25 seconds. A turnover by the Jaguars' Kelsey Fynaardt with 16 seconds left gave the Pirates the ball, but Armstrong committed a violation on the inbounds, giving GRU Augusta another tying shot. Belcher missed a tying three-point try on the inbounds pass and the Pirates made three free throws in the final 10 seconds to clinch the victory.

Hayward finished the night with a game-high 18 points for the Pirates on 6-of-10 shooting from the floor, including 1-of-2 three-pointers and 5-of-6 from the free throw line. Senior **Shermika Harris** added 11 points and sophomore **Brigitta Barta** collected 10 points and nine rebounds.

Belcher led the Jaguars on the day with 15 points, while Kariel Hutt added 14 points and Camille Gee chipped in 12 points.



Pts: Joshlyn Belcher - 15
Reb: Kariel Hutt - 14
Ast: 2 Players (#12, #42) - 2

TEAM STATS		
ARMSTRONG STATE		GRU AUGUSTA
(21-55)	Field Goals	(18-57)
38.2%	Field Goal %	31.6%
42	Rebounds	36
7	Assists	7
19	Turnovers	19
15	Pts off Turnovers	15
16	2nd Chance Pts	7
30	Pts in the Paint	20
8	Fastbreak Pts	0
7	Bench Pts	6

FULL STATS



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